

തിൽക്കൂടാതെ പ്രവേശനം മാറിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും ശേഷം ഭാഗം ഉടനെതന്നെ മാറാൻ ഉത്തരവ് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നും റിപ്പോർട്ട് വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. കരകൂടി കർശനമായി നടപടികൾ നടത്തണമെന്നു ഉത്തരവ് കൊടുക്കാം.

MEMBER : കണ്ടനാടുചിറയ്ക്കു ഇതിനു മുമ്പുതന്നെ പണം അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

DEWAN : അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ് എന്ന് പറയുന്നതിൽ സ്വല്പം കഴുപ്പും നേരിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഈ സംഗതി തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഗവണ്മെന്റും കൊച്ചിഗവണ്മെന്റും കൂടിയോജിച്ച് ചെയ്യേണ്ടെന്നാണ്. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഈ രണ്ടുഗവണ്മെന്റും തമ്മിൽ എഴുത്തുകൂത്തു നടത്തിവരികയാണ്.

[It has been alleged that the requests made in respect of the Vaikam taluk are ignored by the Government. So far as means of communication are concerned, there will be no room for any such complaint in future; for one of the objects of constituting road boards is to avoid the complaint that particular taluks are favoured in the matter of communications while others are neglected. It is now open to the representatives of each taluk to decide which roads and canals are necessary for them and which of these have to be taken up first. When such definite recommendations are made by the District Road Boards to the Central Board and from there to the Government, they will be very sympathetically considered.]

In regard to the Pallipuram-Kaduturutti road, the Land Revenue Commissioner has reported that orders have been issued for the removal of encroachments on the road.

The absence of bridges at Poothotta and Murinjapuzha is not a grievance of the inhabitants of the Vaikam taluk alone as they are on the main road leading to Ernakulam. But the construction of bridges at these places is not so easy as that of ordinary bridges across canals. The matter will be referred to the Chief Engineer for investigation and report. So also, the representations relating to the opening of a road leading to Udayanapuram and the deepening of the Muzhikkal canal will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

As for the removal of encroachments on the Parattikattunattu *todu* it is reported that some of them have been removed and that orders have been issued for vacating the others also. The authorities will be asked to adopt more stringent measures in the matter.

In regard to the putting up of a bund at Kundanattu *chira*, the matter is under correspondence with the Cochin Government who have also to be consulted in the matter.]

117. Need for the extension of the Tirunakara market, Kottayam and other local trade facilities.

MR. C. JOHN ABRAHAM (*Trading Classes, Kottayam*) said that the subject on which he wished to speak had been represented more than once in the Assembly. The Government who, on those occasions,

promised to take the necessary steps in the matter, threw the entire responsibility on the Municipality. The Municipality, in its turn, completely disappointed the people of Kottayam by its prolonged indifference.

Government should co-operate with the Municipality and work out a scheme of market extension in Kottayam. That was, indeed, a more urgent need than the construction of a clock tower, which was sanctioned by Government.

The Tirunakkara market was established in 1053. Since then, the dimensions of the market had remained unchanged. In the meanwhile, the town grew considerably in area and population. Want of accommodation in the market was a matter of serious concern to the traders. The trading interests felt that the market should be extended east-wards. The area of the market should be doubled by acquiring one acre of land. After acquisition, the land should be sold to the merchants piecemeal, with a view to recovering the cost of acquisition. A cent of land would fetch not less than Rs. 300.

The extension of the market would eventually cause an increase in the revenue derived by Government from income-tax.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abraham, as you yourself said, this matter was under correspondence between the Municipal Council and the Government till very recently. Several proposals were being made, considered and perhaps given up. The Municipality has not yet sent up any final proposal to Government in the matter. What I would now do is to send your representation to the Council and ask it to send up a final proposal. When I get it, I hope to take the necessary action.

MEMBER: കെരൺസിലിൽ ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒരു പ്രമേയം പാസ്സാക്കിട്ടുണ്ട്.

DEWAN: Government have not received it. That is why I said I would send your representation to the Council and ask them to consider these things. I shall scrutinise their proposal in the light of your representation.

118. The necessity for a public hall and Municipal Office for Kottayam.

MR. V. CHACKO ABRAHAM (*Municipal Council, Kottayam*) said that there was no hall in the Kottayam town, except the halls which were attached to educational institutions, which could be used for the purpose of holding public meetings, receptions, etc. A meeting of the citizens of the town was held in Meenom 1102, when it was resolved that a public hall should be constructed and named "the Maha-Rani Regent Hall". A board of seven members was constituted for the purpose of collecting funds and for taking such other steps as were necessary for carrying out the resolution. Funds were raised by public